



**INDEPENDANT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**  
**NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020**

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**OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER**  
**NO.7 BUSINESS AND SOCIAL MEASURES**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. No affiliated sporting codes shall train or participate in matches unless they have approval to do so from the PNG Sports Foundation.
2. PNG Sports Foundation shall be responsible for:
  - a. approving requests for affiliated bodies to resume training;
  - b. approving requests for affiliated sporting matches;
  - c. in consultation with the National Department of Health, setting protocols and guidelines for sporting clubs, teams and matches relating to COVID-19.
3. PNG Sports Foundation shall provide a weekly report by Friday 5pm to the Emergency Controller of any request submitted and the status of the request.
4. Local religious activities may continue to operate, but must adhere to the follow restrictions:
  - a. social distancing of at least 1.5 meters between each person;
  - b. all persons on entry and exist into the place of worship must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser; and
  - c. follow all other hygiene standards as issued by the Controller.
5. The following religious gatherings shall not occur:
  - a. Provincial church gatherings;
  - b. National church gatherings;
  - c. Crusades;
  - d. Conventions; and
  - e. Provincial or national outreach programs.
6. Licensed gambling venues may only operate on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.
7. Licensed nightclubs may only operate on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.
8. Licensed horse racing may only operate:



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- a. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; and
  - b. only at venues listed in schedule 1.
9. An immediate ban is placed on gatherings of over 100 persons.
10. Non-compliance with this order is unlawful and may be penalised under the Act or other applicable laws.
11. Non-compliance with this measure should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander.
12. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce the measures accordingly.
13. This measure comes into effect on 17 June 2020 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a pandemic under the Act

Signed:

Date:

DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, QPM  
CONTROLLER



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Schedule 1 – Horse Racing Venues

- Port Moresby
- Lae
- Mount Hagen